

one good book covering it, from our point of view, more satisfactorily than does the English book. The class who comprise the midwives of this country are not as a rule capable of using Mr. Tellett's very thorough and scientific book, and as a nurses' handbook it speaks to the practitioner of midwifery rather than to his faithful handmaiden the obstetrical nurse.

A COMPEND OF MEDICAL LATIN. By W. T. St. Clair, A.M., Professor of the Latin Language and Literature in the Male High School of Louisville, Ky.; author of "Cæsar for Beginners," "Notes to Cæsar's Gallic War, Book Three," etc. Price, \$1.00. P. Blakiston's Sons, 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Blakiston's "Quiz Compend" are such old friends that they need no introduction. The number "Medical Latin" is a little out of the common, being less a quiz and more a regular Latin grammar. It is written for the student who comes to the study of medicine with little or no knowledge of Latin. It is safe to predict that the ignorant student after digesting this little book is not going to be content till he follows further a subject which has been so intelligently and alluringly put before him. Who remembers the old Latin grammar proper?—what endless deserts of verbs! what never-ending declensions of nouns; the never-ending "endings!" One grew discouraged before one had begun. The present volume is small and light externally, as well as internally, and being so easily accommodated is recommended as a companion which, never in the way, may often prove a great boon and source of recreation and diversion, and which is certain to be as profitable as it is pleasant.

MATERIA MEDICA FOR NURSES. By John E. Groff, Ph.G., Apothecary in the Rhode Island Hospital., Professor of Materia Medica, Botany and Pharmacology in the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. Third Edition, Revised, with an Appendix, giving List of Questions for Self-Examination. P. Blakiston's Sons & Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Mr. Groff presents his *Materia Medica* in its third edition, revised after the eighth decennial revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and with the addition of a series of questions for self-examination.

MASSAGE AND THE ORIGINAL SWEDISH MOVEMENTS. By Kurre W Ostrom. From The Royal University of Upsala, Sweden. Sixth Edition. P. Blakiston's Sons, 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

The most conservative of many writers on the subject of massage

concludes his book with a plea for examination and registration of trained operators of massage, thus "protecting not only themselves and the profession, but *the general public* as well." Massage has never seemed to be rightly classed with nursing, although many nurses' training-schools include massage in the curriculum. The idea of separate registration seems a reasonable one and we wish Mr. Ostrom speedy success.



A SINGLE SERVICE PAPER MILK-BOTTLE.—*American Medicine*, quoting from *Sanitation*, says: "A. H. Stewart, of Philadelphia, recommends the use of a single service paper milk-bottle instead of the ordinary glass receptable generally used in the United States. The objections to the glass bottles are the original expense of the bottles, the breakage, the difficulty in cleaning, the expense of collection of empty bottles, and the danger of transmission of infectious diseases through their use. The paper milk-bottles recommended are made in the ordinary size and are conical in shape to facilitate nesting. The bottle is saturated with paraffin, which strengthens it, sterilizes the paper and prevents the taste of the paper being taken up by the milk. The bacteriologic tests made comparing the paper bottle with the glass bottle were decidedly in favor of the paper bottle. The price of the paper bottle is sufficiently low as not to increase the present general delivery price of milk."